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LOVEboldly is saddened and frustrated by today's ruling in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas upholding the discriminatory and unscientific provisions of the heinously named Saving Adolescents from Experimentation Act (also known as House Bill 68). The case will be appealed, but for now it is illegal in the State of Ohio for transgender minors (under the age of 18) to receive gender affirming care—legitimate health care—and for transgender girls and women to participate in girls and women's sports.

This judgement, like the law itself, removes crucial trust and dialogue between medical professionals, their patients, and the parents of their patients. Indeed, this relationship is replaced by the State and by legislators. The State has no place in the medical decisions of transgender people of any age. This ruling deals yet another blow to the bodily autonomy of Ohioans.

LOVEboldly takes particular exception to two statements in today's ruling. First, the dehumanizing statement that the State has a legitimate interest in the "regulation of transgender individuals."

Second, statements that the plaintiffs' recourse is to vote and engage in the electoral process rather than seek a judgement from the court. The plaintiffs in this case include adolescents, already disenfranchised due to their age, who are now told that for them there is to be no recourse.

LOVEboldly remains unwavering in our total support of the Transgender community. To our Trans siblings, supporters, and friends, we see you, we love you, and we will continue fighting with you.

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This statement may be attributed to the Rev. Dr. Ben Huelskamp, Executive Director of LOVEboldly.

Particularly in light of this ruling, sign The Pledge for LGBTQIA+ Faith and Equity – www.loveboldly.net/pledge.

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